

a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Sean brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2014. While attending Defiance High School in Defiance, Ohio, Sean attained a 4.0 grade point average that placed him first in his graduating class. Sean was inducted into the National Honor Society and also received the Scholar-Athlete Award, Academic Achievement Award, Eagles Excellence Award, Academic All-League, Academic All-Ohio, and was named to the Principal's List.

Throughout high school, Sean was a member of the football and track teams, serving as captain of the football team his senior year. Sean received his varsity letter in both sports and holds the school record for the 4x800 meter relay. Sean also served as National Honor Society vice president and Student Council vice president, in addition to being active in the D.A.R.E. middle school role model program. He also volunteers within the community for various organizations. I am confident that Sean will carry the lessons of his student leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sean Murray on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Sean will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

#### HONORING LONG ISLAND IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

##### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Long Island Immigration Alliance.

Long Island Immigration Alliance has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. The continuous selfless efforts of those involved with the Long Island Immigration Alliance are admirable.

I am proud to honor Long Island Immigration Alliance for their extraordinary work in the community.

#### THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

##### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congress-

sional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gill of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Charlie O'Reilly was inducted into the United States Army in Kansas City and completed Basic Army Training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. Charlie received badges for hours shooting proficiency. After completing his training at Camp Chaffee, Charlie was ordered to report for duty at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington D.C. He was assigned to the 601st AAA Battalion. Their mission was the defense of the Washington, D.C. area. In addition to his normal duties, Charlie was required to serve periodically in the control center where he would plot the position of aircraft around the military District of Washington. Charlie entered the Army as a Buck Private (E1) and when transferred from active duty to the army reserves he held the rank of an E4 (SP3/CPL). He completed his active duty service and was transferred to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland where he was released from active duty and transferred to the United States Army Reserve where he served for an additional six years before receiving his Honorable Discharge. Through my interview I learned of my grandfather's times and memories as a "troop." I learned that there is always hope for better days; that believing in yourself is a quality you must develop and once pursued should truly be cherished. Hope, faith, endurance, and happiness are key necessities for not only doing well in the military but surviving our society today. My grandfather learned many great lessons in the Army and over-all experienced a life-changing experience that he will value forever.—Tara O'Reilly

#### HONORING BEN DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

##### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize and commend the Ben Davis High School Lady Giants for winning the 2010 Indiana State High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball Championship.

Ben Davis High School is a 3-year high school in the Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township, located in the 7th Congressional District of Indiana.

Since 1892, the school has provided Indianapolis students with nationally recognized academic and athletic programs. The high school is known for its debate and journalism activities, and it continues to expand on the artistic programs offered to its students.

The Lady Giants are an example of the success and pride that young people can achieve through receiving a well-rounded education.

In the Championship game, the Lady Giants defeated the Merrillville High School Lady Pirates with a final score of 99 to 52. Not only was this the Lady Giants' second straight championship win, but the team also set a new state record for making it their 58th consecutive victory.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join me in praising these extraordinary young women for their hard work and perseverance, and I encourage them to continue to develop and serve as an example for all students across the United States.

#### TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI PRESIDENT AARON PODOLEFSKY

##### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 27, 2010*

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Aaron Podolefsky as he prepares to end his tenure as president of the University of Central Missouri, UCM, in Warrensburg, MO. After 5 years of dedicated service to the University, Dr. Podolefsky will become the president of Buffalo State College in Buffalo, New York.

After a distinguished record of academic accomplishment as a scholar at San Jose State University in California and the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Dr. Podolefsky pursued a career as an educator and academic administrator, showing a commitment to public universities and the development of young minds across the country.

During his tenure as President of UCM, Dr. Podolefsky presided over a period of great change. With the adoption of a new name for the University, he brought together students, educators, community partners, and civic leaders to develop and implement a new vision for UCM. He expanded opportunities for students and enhanced economic development in the region by reorganizing the academic departments and developing partnerships with national and international institutions.